Doordarshan

Shri L.D. Mandloi is holding the current duty charge of the post since 24.08.2006 in addition to his own duties, on a temporary basis, pending filling up of the post on a regular basis.

(b) to (d) The process for filling up the posts of DG, AIR and DG, Doordarshan on a regular basis is in progress. The Hon' ble CAT Principal Bench New Delhi in an OA filed by Shri L.D. Mandloi directed for regularizing the period of his adhoc service in the SAG of IB (P)S. However, this order has been challenged before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi where the matter is *sub judice.* The Hon'ble High Court, *vide* its interim order, has directed that the selection process for the post of DG, Doordarshan may continue but shall not be finalized. Ms Noreen Naqvi, another IB (P)S officer of AIR also filed an OA before the Hon'ble CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi for treating her ad hoc service in SAG of IB (P)S as regular service. The Hon'ble Tribunal has disposed of the OA with the direction to grant her the same benefits (of regularizing her ad hoc service in SAG) as have been granted to Shri L.D. Mandloi by the Hon'ble Tribunal. This order of Hon'ble Tribunal is also the process of being challenged before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

Opinion seeking through SMS by TV channels

t719. SHRI BANWARILAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that after showing any exclusive report on any topic, T.V. channels ask for their opinions from the public in the form of SMS by doing illusive publicity for making SMS;

(b) whether it causes heavy expenditure to general public and the T.V. channels are becoming more and more prosperous by doing so;

(c) whether Government is considering to stop the practice of asking of opinions through SMS on TV channels; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No complaint regarding such illusive publicity has been received.

(b) No study/survey has been conducted by the Government in the matter.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Unemployed youth registered in employment exchanges

720. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of total unemployed youth registered in the Employment Exchanges throughout the country;

(b) whether Government is seriously pondering over to check the unemployment problem and adopt a comprehensive policy to recruit at least for these vacant posts;

(c) whether Government has received any representations from the States to provide unemployment allowance to all the unemployed youth; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken so far, for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) State-wise details of number of youth job seekers in the age group of 15-29, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, registered with the employment exchanges in the country, as on 31-12-2005 are given in the Statement *{See* below).

(b) Employment Exchanges sponsor the candidates against the vacancies notified to them by the employers. Employers in turn, shortlist the candidates as per their requirement and issue interview letters to them for making selection.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Labour and Employment has not received any representation from the States in the recent past to provide unemployment allowance to all unemployed youth. Moreover, the Central Government is not favour of payment of unemployment allowance to unemployed person as it could divert substantial resources from development programmes to a non-development activity. The resource of such a magnitude should better be used for development activities, which would generate substantial avenues of productive employment.

Statement

State-wise details of number of youth job seekers in the age-group (15-29 years) as on

***31 st December,* 2005**

(In thousands)

SI. No.	State/Union Territory	Number of youth job seekers
1	2	**3**
1.	**Andhra Pradesh**	**1802.5**
2.	**Arunachal Pradesh**	**18.9**
3.	**Assam**	**1315.2**
4.	**Bihar**	**1057.3**
5.	**Chhattisgarh**	**761.0**
6.	**Delhi**	**500.6**
7.	**Goa**	**84.2**
8.	**Gujarat**	**667.8**
9.	**Haryana**	**737.1**
10.	**Himachal Pradesh**	**644.1**
11.	**Jammu & Kashmir**	**83.6**
	Jharkhand	**891.1**
	Karnataka	**911.7**

14.	Kerala	2465.2
15.	Madhya Pradesh	1631.1
16.	Maharashtra	3029.4
17.	Manipur	366.6
18.	Meghalaya	28.7
19.	Mizoram	31.0
20.	Nagaland	37.9
21.	Orissa	629.9
22.	Punjab	318.0
23.	Rajasthan	603.9
24.	Sikkim*	—
25.	Tamil Nadu	2429.6
26.	Tripura	312.2
27.	Uttaranchal	293.5
28.	Uttar Pradesh	1334.2
29.	West Bengal	4642.1
30.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	29.8
31.	Chandigarh	39.2
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4.9
33.	Daman & Diu	5.6
34.	Lakshadweep	8.8
35.	Pondicherry	129.3
	ALL INDIA:	27827.6

Scarcity of skilled manpower in every industry

721. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is scarcity of skilled manpower in every industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to provide more and more skilled manpower?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) No such survey has been conducted by Ministry of Labour and Employment. However, 55th round of National Sample Survey Organisation Report has revealed that only 5% of the workforce in the age group 20—24 years has got training through formal sources.